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WEST TEXAS PECAN NURSERY

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Located in the Very Heart of the Pecan-growing Region

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PARTIAL VIEW OF MY 40-ACRE EXPERIMENTAL GROUND. COTTON AND CORN GROWING BETWEEN THE ROWS OF TREES

Quotations for 1905--1906

WHILE doubtless I have the largest collection of Pecan trees fruiting, both budded stock and seedlings, I am propagating only from a small number, because I think the best good enough for us all. No pains or expense have been spared to secure from the original source new varieties for testing in comparison with what I already have. Really my test grounds are an experiment station, from which the purchaser gets the full benefit. Neither is anything sent out till the merits claimed are fully proven; and this is why I am able to say that the fruiting of the coast-raised nuts inland is a comparative failure. So unsuited are some from the extreme southern limits that they winter-kill. Those unfamiliar with this business should also beware of bogus illustrations of nuts, high-colored statements, and, in some cases, "fake" trees.

The West Texas Pecan Nursery has never had to pay bills for strong stimulating fertilizers to produce the stock offered; our trees are natural, grown in natural soil. The artificial production is always followed by a reaction (nature's laws are inexorable). The flavor and keeping qualities of our western Pecans

have long been known; this, combined with the fruiting qualities and hardiness of the trees, makes a very important factor,—one that must have consideration to make Pecan culture a success. As our Experimental Station is giving for the asking a treatise on this subject, and answers, I think, about all the questions necessary, persons interested should write to the director, Prof. John A. Craig, College Station, Texas, when it will be mailed free.

PRICE-LIST OF BUDDED TREES

(*Seedling Trees I do not offer for sale*)

The year 1904 found me entirely cleaned out of nursery stock, so that one- and two-year-old trees comprise all I have to offer. The value of one- and two-year-old trees for transplanting is too often overlooked. At this age they soon recover from any shock or injury, and the only possible objection that could be raised is that the purchaser wants to see more for his money at the time of buying. The proportion of root to top in my one-year-old trees is so well balanced that no pruning of any kind is needed, while older ones of necessity need some cutting back. In recommending the advantages of one-year-old trees, I might use as an illustration that we all know how much quicker a child will recover from a shock or injury than an older person; just so it is with trees, but more especially the Pecan.

The varieties here offered are not so easy of propagation as are the coarser varieties. Neither have I the advantage of long seasons for doing this work, hence my inability to offer a reduction in price by the quantity

San Saba. Originated on the San Saba river. This variety must be budded on vigorous stocks to perfect the nuts, and this we are able to do, when these conditions are complied with. We have in it the standard of excellence. For further description, see price-list of nuts. $1.

Texas Prolific. New. This is a seedling from the many thousands planted from the above. In it I have gained a third on every point, except reducing the thickness of the shell, a feature that could hardly be possible. Trees of this variety are so precocious as to begin fruiting the second year from the bud. Nuts are very shapely, long, large and of a beautiful color. Owing to a favorable season for growing the wood, I am now able to reduce the former price of $2.50 to $1.50 each, one-year old trees only.

Colorado. New. Quite distinct; one of my own breeding, and offered for the first time. In this we have secured the blending of two select varieties; large, handsome, full-meated, of the highest quality. Pecan breeding is slow work, and until I catch up on this the price will be what they are worth to me to keep. One-year-old trees only, $5.

Kincaid. One that E. W. Kirkpatrick, of McKinney, admired so much while visiting my grounds. A splendid commercial variety. Large, attractive. $1.

Attwater. This attracted the attention of Professor Attwater, who thought we should propagate more from it. Large, soft shell, and highly colored, but not so well filled as some. $1.

Concho. The best of the vast number growing on the Concho river. $1.

Longfellow. In shape, the longest one yet found in this section; beautiful color and sure bearer; fills well. $1.

Centennial. With me has proven the best of the coast-raised varieties. Some seasons does fairly well. I keep the genuine in stock. $1.

San Marcos. From the San Marcos river. Strictly a fancy type. One-year-old only, $1.50.

Early Red. In this no complaint will be made by those who want the first of the season, either for home use or to sell. $1.

Young. New. The most valuable of all the coast-raised nuts. I am now testing it.

PRICE OF NUTS

The percentage of Pecans that come true from seed when planted is so small that I no longer make a difference in the price for eating or for planting. In either case the maximum of meat to the minimum of shell governs the price. I have budded more largely from a variety named San Saba than any other; a genuine paper-shell. My trees are now bearing so bountifully that I am able to quote prices by the barrel. This is strictly a fancy type of the **highest quality,** and the ease with which these nuts are crushed in the palm of the hand constitutes part of the pleasure of eating them. The shell, which is little else than a film protecting the kernel, is easily peeled off with the thumb-nail, leaving whole clean meats. Three pounds of nuts will produce two pounds of unbroken kernels. Per lb., by the bbl., 35 cts.; per lb., small quantities, 50 cts.; the best of our common wild nuts, in barrels only, 12½ cts.

NUTS BY MAIL

We can't always comply with the request. The disposition to get something for nothing seems to be on the increase. Complaints of short weight or short number of nuts sent, as the case may be, has caused me to say that I seldom give satisfaction. Possibly the postal clerks may sample them. Parties ordering will have to depend on our honesty and integrity for adhering to the Golden Rule.

SCIONS AND BUDS

Orders for either will be returned. Experience has proven that it does not pay to stop work in the short season we have here to hunt for suitable buds or scions, which also means a considerable waste of wood and sacrifice of the best nuts.

SHIPPING FACILITIES

On almost any map can be seen the exact spot of my nursery, located in the immediate confluence of the Colorado and San Saba rivers; and, while I am so favorably located for developing this industry, I am at a disadvantage about shipping. Lometa, sixteen miles distant, is our shipping point; and this is why I will have to decline orders for less than $5. No extra charges are made for packing and delivering to the railroad F.O.B., after which they are at the risk of the purchaser. Terms of payment to unknown patrons, cash; to reliable parties, one-half the cost with the order, unless by special agreement.

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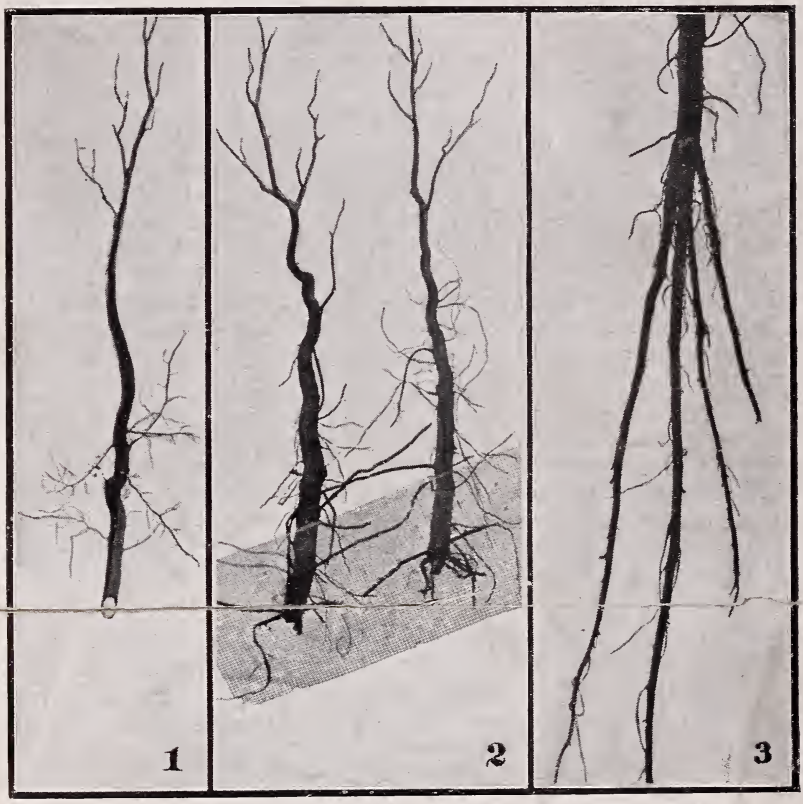
It is more trouble and some more extra expense to grow Pecan trees suitable for transplanting; but when we consider how it wards off complaints of dying back, or failing to live at all, it becomes a pleasure to know that I have at last hit upon a plan to fill this long-felt want. Now we no longer lose in digging two-thirds or more of the tap-root, the very vital part of the tree; but we get it all. There is simply no comparison between this method and the old way.

Process Invented by Me and Patented October 20, 1903



(1) The old way, in which they too often dwindle and die. (2) Budded trees as we grow them in the nursery. (3) Formation of **tap-roots** that take place as soon as removed from the wire. Quite a number are **secured** by this new process.

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